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**COMMODITY SPECIFICATION FOR
DELI-STYLE TURKEY BREAST
AND SMOKED TURKEY BREAST**

Dated August 1997

Amendment No.1

This amendment changes the requirement that frozen turkey products from other plants may only be used provided it is evidenced by USDA certification. Additionally, this amendment clarifies the requirements for chilled skin used in accordance with the Deli-Style Turkey Breast and Smoked Turkey Breast Specification.

Section II.A.7. is amended on pages 2 and 3 to read as follows:

"2. Turkey Products From Other Plants. Chilled and/or frozen turkey and turkey products may be transferred or obtained from other processing plants to produce the commodity, provided they (a) have been processed, handled, and identified in accordance with this Specification, and (b) comply with the organoleptic, nonbasted, and other applicable requirements for turkey products to be used in the commodity. Compliance with applicable requirements for fresh/chilled turkey products used in the commodity shall be evidenced by USDA certification.

a. Type, class, and specific name of the product; part or boneless part; date slaughtered or placed in frozen storage, as applicable; and the USDA-assigned plant number must be shown on each shipping container.

b. The chilled turkey products must be maintained at an internal product temperature not higher than 40 °F (4.4 °C) when shipped from the origin plant and when received at the destination plant.

c. The frozen turkey products must (1) show no evidence of thawing and refreezing or freezer deterioration, and (2) be received at the destination plant at an internal product temperature not higher than 40 °F (4.4 °C)."



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Section II.B.2.b.(4). is amended on page 4 to read as follows:

"(4) Optional - skin. Chilled skin (never frozen) from freshly slaughtered turkeys may be used in the commodity in accordance with II.B.2.b(5) below. Skin covering the crop area and the neck skin up to the whisker may be included if the fatty blubber, spongy fat, and membranes have been removed from these areas."

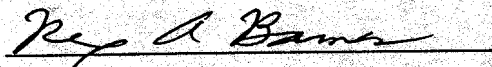
Section II.B.2., Skin Defects in Table 1 are amended on page 6 to read as follows:

"Table 1. Organoleptic and Defect Requirements for Meat and Skin"

	Defect
Organoleptic Requirements:	Meat is rancid; has fruity, sulfide-like, cardboardy, tallowy, oily, metallic, chlorine-like, or other foreign or off-odors; contains foreign materials (e.g., glass, paper, rubber, metal); shows evidence of mishandling or deterioration; or does not have a bright color or shows evidence of dehydration or freezer burn or thawing and refreezing.
Boneless Meat and Trim:	
Bone:	Bone or bone-like material greater than 0.75 inch (1.91 cm) (See II.B.2.g.(2)). Bone or bone-like material less than or equal to 0.75 inch (1.91 cm).
Other:	Cartilage (gristle), hard tendons or tendinous material, or blood clots. Skin exceeding an aggregate area equivalent to the area of a circle with a diameter of 0.50 inch (1.27 cm). Any moderate discolorations. Lightly shaded discolorations exceeding an area equivalent to the area of a circle having a diameter of 0.50 inch (1.27 cm). Slight discolorations are permitted, provided the discoloration does not detract from the overall appearance of the meat.
Skin Defects:	Feathers and blemishes. Fatty blubber, spongy fat, and membranes from the crop area. Any moderate discolorations. Lightly shaded discolorations exceeding an area equivalent to the area of a circle having the diameter of 1.50 inches (3.81 cm). Slight discolorations are permitted on the skin, regardless of area, provided the discoloration does not detract from the appearance.
Defects for Breasts:	Breast with less than one-fourth of the meat.
Defects for Tenderloins:	Tenderloin with tendon or less than one-half of the meat. "

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective with offers due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C., time, Monday, October 14, 1997, and on all subsequent offers. The words "and Amendment No.1" must be inserted after "the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breast and Smoked Turkey Breast, dated August 1997" in item number 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breast and Smoked Turkey Breast dated August 1997 remain unchanged.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rex A. Barnes", is written over a horizontal line.

Rex A. Barnes
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